

## AMENDMENT

### IN THE CLAIM:

Please amend Claims 1 as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A printing blanket, comprising  
a reinforcement layer formed of at least one sheet of fabric,  
a compressive layer, and  
a surface rubberlayer laid on said compressive layer through a supporting body,  
~~characterized in that wherein~~

said compressive layer is separated by a separation layer so as to be divided into  
two layers of a first compressive layer and second compressive layer,

so as to absorb normal printing pressure at the first compressive layer and to  
absorb rapidly applied over-printing pressure at the second compressive layer,

volume of porosity of said first compressive layer is 0.10 – 0.20 mm while volume  
of porosity of the entire first and second compressive layers is 0.25 mm or more, and

hardness thereof is 70JIS-A - 80JIS-D and the thickness thereof is 0.05 mm or  
more.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The printing blanket according to Claim 1,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein

said compressive layer divided into two layers is formed such that each has a

different amount of an air space.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The printing blanket according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein

said separation layer is formed by at least one layer of elastomer.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The printing blanket according to Claim 4 ~~or 2~~,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein

~~said first compressive layer has an air space amount of 0.10-0.20 mm, and~~

~~the entire part of said first compressive layer and said second compressive layer  
has an air space amount of 0.25 mm or more~~

said separation layer is formed by at least one layer of elastomer.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The printing blanket according to Claim 1 ~~or Claim~~  
~~2, characterized in that~~ wherein

said compressive layer has a matrix hardness of 50-90 JIS-A.

Claims 6-7 (Canceled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The printing blanket according to Claim 4 ~~or 2~~,  
~~characterized in that~~

~~said separation layer is formed by one or more layers of elastomer, and~~ wherein

said compressive layer has a matrix hardness of 50-90 JIS-A.

Claims 6-16 (Canceled)